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California Wild Flower Seeds

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CARMEL, CALIFORNIA

U. S. A.

List No. 4

Supersedes all previous lists

Price of packets twenty-five cents unless otherwise indicated.

Postage prepaid in United States and Canada. Orders from foreign countries should include one cent per packet for postage.

We give or imply no guarantee as to description, purity or productiveness of our seeds, and hold ourselves in no way responsible for customers results.

Our seeds are carefully selected from native stands, but these stands are exposed to climatic and other conditions over which we have no control. The list is subject to change.

We suggest that our customers, particularly those ordering from a distance, send with their orders a supplementary list of second choices in case we are out of items on the first order.

In our present form of list we cannot give adequate descriptions of flowers and of conditions of growth for each type of plant. We are glad, however, to answer correspondence regarding the cultivation and hardiness both of our listed seeds and of other native California plants.

As we generally have on hand various seeds in quantities too small for listing, we will be glad to have requests for seeds other than appear in our catalog. These unlisted seeds are often used in the mixtures.

We will not dig native bulbs for sale.

Unless otherwise indicated, seeds are perennials.

Annuals are all recommended for the eastern United States, Canada and northern Europe. Generally speaking all listed seeds are hardy in the southern states and southern Europe. A few perennials (for instance, many of the bulbs, if mulched) are hardy in the northern latitudes, but the varieties are so limited that we prefer to feature annuals.

Unless otherwise indicated, these seeds succeed best if given summer drought conditions after they are once established.

Please note the many varieties on our list which are adapted for seaside planting.

We will be very glad to hear from experimental planters who will report to us on the hardiness of our varieties in the East.

W. L. Jepson, "Manual of the Flowering Plants of California" is our authority for the botanical names on our list. The May, 1927 National Geographic Magazine, also gives descriptions and colored illustrations of many of our varieties.

- Abronia latifolia*, Yellow Sand Verbena — Trailing, fragrant, coastal
 " *umbellata*, Pink Sand Verbena — " " "
- Agoseris grandiflora* — Annual, 18 in. large yellow dandelion-type flower
- Allium hyalinum* — Bulb, 6 in. cluster of small white pink-veined flowers
 " *peninsulare crispum* — Bulb, 10 in. umbel of reddish-pink flowers
- Amsinckia vernicosa*, Fiddleneck — 2 ft. annual, curving spike of small orange flowers
- Anaphalis margaritacea*, Pearly Everlasting — 18 in. yellow, gray foliage
- Antirrhinum glandulosum* — 2 ft. leafy stalk, pink and yellow bloom
 " *strictum* — Annual, 1-3 ft. slender twining stem, violet-purple bloom
- Aquilegia truncata*, Wild Columbine —
- Arbutus menziesii*, Madrono — Tree, red bark, evergreen magnolia-like foliage
 clusters of white waxy urn-shaped flowers, red berries
- Arctostaphylos*, Manzanita, in variety — Evergreen shrubs, whitish-pink bloom
- Argemone platyceras hispida*, Prickly poppy — Annual, 2-3 ft. large white flowers
- Armeria vulgaris* (*Statice artica californica* Jeps.) Thrift — 12 in. small dense heads, pink, coastal
- Asclepias mexicana*, Narrow-leaf Milkweed — 2-4 ft. gray-purple flowers
- Baccharis pilularis* — Evergreen shrub, good for coastal planting
- Baeria gracilis* — Annual, 2-12 in. bright yellow composite, slender stem
 " *macrantha* — Perennial, 8 in. good for coastal planting
 " *uliginosa* — Annual, prostrate, damp places
- Bloomeria crocea*, Golden Stars — Bulb, 9 in. loose umbel of many yellow, brown-veined flowers
- Brodiaea capitata*, California Hyacinth — Bulb, 1-2 ft. close umbel of blue fl.
 " *ixioides*, Golden Brodiaea — Bulb, 2 ft. similar to *Bloomeria crocea*
 " *laxa*, Ithuriel's Spear — Bulb, 1-2 ft. loose umbel of large blue fl.
 " *coronaria*, Harvest Brodiaea — Bulb, 12 in. like above but later blooming
 " *terrestris* — Bulb, 3-6 in. lavender flower
 (All Brodiaeas last well as cut flowers.)
- Briza maxima*, Quaking grass — 10-18 in. large nodding panicle of florets
 " *minor* " " — 4-10 in. panicle and florets smaller
- Calochortus albus*, Fairy Lanterns — Bulb, 18 in. large white nodding flower
 " *luteus*, Golden Mariposa — Bulb, 12 in. large cup-shaped yellow flower
 " *uniflorus* — Bulb, 6 in. large pale lavender flower
- Carpenteria californica* — Evergreen shrub, 8 ft. clusters of large white flowers with numerous yellow stamens, desirable
- Camassia leichtlinii*, Blue Camass — Bulb, 12 in. open raceme of indigo flowers
- Castilleja latifolia*, Seaside Painted Cup — 12 in. flower bracts in spike yellow to bright red, good for coastal planting
 " *parviflora*, Indian Paint Brush — 18 in. similar to above, deep scarlet toothed flower bracts

- Ceanothus*, California Lilac, in variety — Evergreen shrub, 5-10 ft. racemes of dense bloom in shades of Delft blue
- " dwarf—Evergreen shrub, 1-4 ft. horizontal growth, bloom in tufts
- Cerastium arvense maximum* — Best treated as annual, 12 in. gray foliage, white flowers
- Cercidium torreyanum*, Palo Verde — Tree, 15-20 ft. smooth green bark, sug-
gesting leafless weeping willow, covered in
bloom with yellow butterfly-like flowers,
desert conditions.
- Chaenactis glabriuscula* — Best treated as annual, 18 in. yellow composite with
protruding stamens
- Chlorogalum pomeridianum*, Amole — Bulb, 2-5 ft. spreading panicle of small
white purple-veined flowers
- Chilopsis linearis*—Shrub, 20 ft. white flower with lilac and yellow, fragrant,
desert conditions
- Chorizanthe staticoides*, Turkish Rugging — Annual, 6 in. flat-topped raceme
of brittle raspberry-red flowers
- Cirsium occidentale coulteri*, Cobweb Thistle — 2-3 ft. silver-grey foliage,
flower buds densely white-
webbed, rose-purple bloom
- " " *venustum*, — 3-4 ft. foliage slightly less gray than above,
amaranth-red bloom
- Clarkia elegans* — Annual, 12 in. slender growth, deep pink ragged flowers
- Clintonia Andrewsiana*, Red Clintonia — 18 in. rose-pink, deep shade
- Collinsia bicolor*—Annual, 15 in. white with pink or lavender
- Convolvulus luteolus*, Morning Glory — Strong climber under all conditions,
white striped outside with purple
- " *soldanella*, Shore Morning Glory — Prostrate, thick leathery leaf,
large showy open pink flower,
beach conditions
- Coreopsis maritima*, Sea Dahlia — 2½ ft. attractive divided foliage, yellow
composite flower 3-4 in. across, desirable
for coast planting
- Corethrogyne californica*, Woolly Aster — 12 in. spreading, gray downy
foliage, lavender flower, coastal
conditions
- Cotula coronopifolia*, Brass Buttons — Annual, 6 in. rayless yellow composite,
damp places
- Cotyledon farinosa* — 15 ft. fleshy red-tipped foliage covered with white
bloom, cream to pale lemon flower, rocky coast
- " *caespitosa* — 20 in. fleshy green red-tipped foliage, red flower
stalks, yellow flower, rocky coast
- " *laxa* — 15 in. fleshy foliage, narrow elongated leaf, red flower
stalks, yellow flower
- Cupressus macrocarpa*, Monterey Cypress — Evergreen tree, 50 ft. useful for
coast windbreak
- Delphinium cardinale*, Scarlet Larkspur — 5 ft. scarlet flower, strong sun
- " *nudicaule*, " " — 2 ft. red flowers
- " *variegatum*, Royal Larkspur — 2-3 ft. open raceme of royal pur-
ple flowers
- Dendromecon rigida*, Tree Poppy—6 ft. willow-like foliage, yellow flowers
2 in. across, long blooming season

Dicentra chrysantha, Golden Eardrops — 5 ft. deeply cut glaucous foliage,
panicle of yellow flowers

Diplacus aurantiacus, Bush Monkey Flower — 4 ft. viscid, buff-yellow

Dodecatheon clevelandii, Shooting Star — 6-8 in. deep lavender to white

" " " " — " brilliant rose-purple

Downingia pulchella—Dwarf annual, 2-6 in. lobelia family, lavender blue
with yellow, damp and sun

Emmenanthe penduliflora, Whispering Bells — 20 in. annual, flowers cream,
persistent, difficult to germinate

Ericameria ericoides, Mock Heather — Evergreen shrub, 3 ft. yellow composite
flower, coastal

Erigeron glaucus, Beach Aster — 8 in. large composite flower, lilac rays,
large yellow center, coastal

Eriogonum, Buckwheat, pink in variety — Evergreen shrub, 2 ft. rose to sal-
mon pink in dense heads

" " white in variety — Evergreen shrub, 1 1/2 ft. gray white
foliage, flowers white, adapted to
coast planting

Eriophyllum confertiflorum, "Golden Yarrow" — 2 ft. gray foliage

Erysimum asperum, Western Wallflower—Biennial, 2 ft. yellow, orange

" *capitatum*, Coast Wallflower—12 in. cream or yellow, coastal sands

Erythronium californicum, Adder's Tongue — Bulb, 8 in. mottled leaf, cream
to yellow flower

Erythrae venusta (*Centaureum venusta* Jeps.) Pink Gentian—Annual, 6 in.

Eschscholtzia californica, California Poppy

Fremontia Californica,—Evergreen shrub, 8 ft. large yellow flower, desirable

Garrya elliptica, Silk Tassel Bush — Evergreen, 8 ft. leathery foliage

Gaultheria shallon, Salal — Spreading evergreen shrub, 2 ft. broad leathery
leaves, white urnshaped flower

Gilia capitata — Annual, 18 in. lavender blue, slender growth, small dense head

Gilia dianthoides (*Linanthus dianthiflorus* Jeps.) Fringed Pink—Annual, 6 in.

Gilia dichotomus (*Linanthus dichotomus* Jeps.) Evening Snow—Annual, 8 in.
white, fragrant, desirable, sun

" *tricolor*, Bird's Eye — Annual, 9 in. lilac with purple and yellow center

Gilia, in variety

Godetia bottae — Annual, 2 ft. lilac, white center

" *amoena* — " 2 ft. pink, red center

" *goddardii* — Annual, slender growth, deep red, 18 in.

" *parviflora* — Annual, 6-12 in. branching, brilliant rose-red

" in variety

Grindelia robusta, Gum Plant — 2 ft. coarse foliage, large yellow composite
buds white and gummy, coastal

Heuchera micrantha, Alumroot — 18 in. panicle of small downy pink-white
flowers, good foliage

Iris Douglasiana, Mountain Iris — 18 in. purple

Larrea tridentata, Creosote Bush — Evergreen, 4 ft. viscid, small yellow fl.
desert conditions

Lathyrus littoralis, Beach Pea — Spreading, lupin-like, silvery foliage, lavender
and white flower, sand dunes

" *splendens* — Perennial climbing pea, showy crimson flower

Lavatera assurgentiflora, Tree Mallow — 6-10 ft. large strawberry-red flower

Layia platyglossa, Tidytips—Annual, 12 in. yellow composite, white tipped rays

" *glandulosa*, White Daisy — Annual, 15 in. glistening white composite

Leptosyne see *Coreopsis*

Limnanthes, in variety — Annual, white or yellow, damp places

Linaria canadensis — Annual, 6-15 in. slender, blue flowers

Linanthus grandiflorus — Annual, 3-16 in. white, pink or lavender, phlox-type

Lithophragma affinis, Woodland Star—15 in. slender bronze-red stem and
calyces, white flower

Lonicera hispidula californica, California Honeysuckle — Climbing shrub, small
cream-yellow flower,
scarlet berries

Lupinus densiflorus lacteus — Annual, 18 in. white flowers in dense whorls

" " *palustris* — " " " " deep lavender flowers in dense
whorls

Lupinus densiflorus, in variety

" *naeus* — 6-24 in. Annual, bright blue and white strikingly contrasted

Lupinus — Annual, 2 ft. bright purple

Lupinus — Annual, 2 ft. dark blue, good foliage, early

Lupinus hirsutissimus—Annual, 18 in. hairy foliage, American Beauty red

Lupinus arboreus — Bush, bright yellow, fragrant, coastal

" " — Bush, light yellow, fragrant, banner fading to purple-
brown, coastal

" " — Bush, 6 ft. pink-lavender

" " — Bush, 5 ft. bi-color, shades of lavender

Lupinus albifrons — Bush, 4 ft. silvery foliage, lavender blue

Lotus formosissimus (*Hosackia gracilis*) — Prostrate, leguminous flowers com-
bining yellow, rose and white

Madia elegans, Tarweed—Annual, 1-2 ft. viscid, heavy-scented foliage

Mentzelia lindleyi, Blazing Star—Biennial, 2 ft. brilliant golden yellow
flowers with numerous stamens

" *affinis*, — Annual, more slender growth than above

Mesembryanthemum aequilaterale, Sea-Fig — Prostrate matted growth, three-
sided fleshy leaf, rose-purple
flower, coastal

" *crystallinum*, Ice Plant—Annual, prostrate, red to silvery foliage,
white flower, coastal

Mimulus cardinalis, Scarlet Monkey Flower — Annual, 2 ft. damp places

" *guttatus*, Yellow Monkey Flower — Annual, 18 in. golden-yellow,
damp places

Monardella villosa — 12-18 in. fragrant foliage, lavender flower

Monolopia major — Annual, 18 in. golden-yellow composite

Myrica californica, Wax Myrtle—Tree, 8-30 ft. dark glossy evergreen leaf

Nemophila menziesii, "Baby Blue Eyes" — Annual, 6 in. varying shades of blue
" *aurita*, Trailing *Nemophila* — Stems 3 ft. annual, deep violet, good
for ground cover under trees

Nemophila in variety

Nicotiana glauca, Tree Tobacco — Evergreen shrub, 10 ft. slender, yellow tub-
ular flower

Oenothera trichocalyx, White Evening Primrose — Biennial, 18 in. large white
flower

Oenothera dentata — Decumbent, gray foliage, large yellow flower, coastal
" *alysoides decorticans* — Annual, 12 in. spike of white flowers fading
to pink

Orthocarpus faucibarbus — Annual, 10 in. white fading to pale pink, damp
places

" *purpurascens*, Owl's Clover — Annual, 8 in. rose-purple with cream
" in variety

Oxalis oregana, Redwood Sorrel — 5 in. white or pink flower, deep shade

Papaver californicum, Western Poppy—Annual, 18 in. slender growth, salmon-
red

" *heterophyllum*, Wind Poppy — Annual, 18 in. slender growth, brick-
red with black center

Penstemon cordifolius — Evergreen, straggling, 6 ft. showy panicle of scarlet
flowers resembling honeysuckle

Phacelia grandiflora, Large Flowered *Phacelia* — Annual, 2 ft. lavender in
various shades

" *minor campanularia* — Annual, 12 in. gentian blue

" *douglasii*—Annual, 6 in. lavender, plant resembles *Nemophila menziesii*

Photinia arbutifolia, Toyon, California Holly — Evergreen shrub, 8 ft. panicle
of white flowers, red berries

Pinus radiata, Monterey Pine—Tree, 75 ft.

Platystemon californicus, Cream Cups — Annual, 8 in. small cream poppy, de-
sirable

Potentilla anserina, Silverweed — 12 in. yellow flowers 1 in. across, good
foliage, white-silky beneath, damp places

Rhamnus californica — Evergreen shrub, 6 ft. berries red turning to black

Ribes sanguineum glutinosum, Flowering Currant—Shrub, 5 ft. racemes
of rose-pink flowers, fragrant foliage

" *speciosum*, Fuchsia flowered Gooseberry — Evergreen shrub, 8 ft. car-
dinal red flowers pendent from
prickly branches

Romneya coulteri, Matilija Poppy—Evergreen shrub, 8 ft. gray foliage, white
flowers 5 in. across, desirable, sometimes difficult
to germinate

Rosa gymnocarpa, Redwood Rose — 2 ft. slender growth, intense rose-pink
flowers 1 in. across, deep shade

Salvia carduacea, Thistle Sage — Annual, 2 ft. lavender flowers in woolly whorls, plant strongly lemon-verbena scented

" *columbariae*, Chia—Annual, 1 ft. intense blue flowers in whorls

" *spathacea*, Hummingbird Sage — Annual, 2 ft. whorls of crimson flowers, viscid

Sedum, unidentified—Matted growth, small rosettes of gray leaves, flower stems 4 in.

Senecio douglasii, Creek Senecio — 2-6 ft. branching racemes of yellow composite flowers

Sidalcea malvaeflora, Mallow — 12 in. rose-pink, coastal

Sisyrinchium bellum, Blue-eyed Grass—9 in. blue with yellow center, iris family

" *californicum*, Goldeneyed Grass — 12 in. bright yellow, iris family, damp places

Solanum umbelliferum, Violet Nightshade — 2 ft.

Sphacele calycina, Pitcher Sage — 4 ft. pink-white flowers in leafy raceme

Symphoricarpos albus, Snowberry — Shrub, 4 ft. pink inconspicuous flowers large white berry

Thysanocarpus, Lacepod, in variety — Annuals, inconspicuous flower, seedpod diskform with fluted or perforated margin

Trichostema lanatum, Romero — Shrub, 4 ft. blue flowers with protruding stamens in spikes covered with dense violet wool

Trillium ovatum, White Trillium — 10 in. white fading to rose, deep shade

Vicia gigantea, Giant Vetch — Strong climber, good foliage, densely flowered onesided raceme of rich red flowers

" *americana*, American Vetch—2-3 ft. long, flowers in purple-blue

" *semicincta*—3-4 ft. long, bright blue-purple flowers in short dense one-sided raceme

Viola sarmentosa, Wood Violet — Prostrate, light yellow, rounded petals, deep shade

" *pedunculata*, Yellow Pansy — 8 in. golden yellow, outside of upper petals dark brown

Wyethia angustifolia — 18 in. sunflower-like yellow blooms in clump of large lanceolate leaves

Zauschneria Californica, California Fuchsia — 18 in. scarlet flower

Zygadenus fremontii, Star Zygadene — Bulb, 2 ft. large showy raceme of white flowers, early spring

" " *minor* — Bulb, 6 in. open raceme, coastal, very early

MIXTURES

Low annuals for sunny dry bare places in borders

Tall annuals for sunny dry bare places in borders

Annuals for shady places

Low annuals for damp sunny places

Tall annuals for damp sunny places

Decorative grasses, attractive in the border and useful for cutting

Vetch and pea mixture to be used for dry sunny banks

Mixture for sand dunes

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